

Ketamine HYDROCHLORIDE

PHYSICAL SIDE EFFECTS AND SIGNS OF SPECIAL K USE:

Side effects include:

- total body paralyzation
- respiratory arrest
- brain hemorrhage
- facial ticks
- twitches
- out-of-body experiences
- drunken feeling

Once the user ingests Special K, he or she will be partially or totally paralyzed within 20 minutes. Within the next hour, the user will look and act severely drunk. Within two hours, the user will hallucinate as if on LSD. Heavy users of Special K will constantly twitch both their mouths and their eyes.



Teens and young people who are using Special K will often possess small glass vials and small plastic bags containing a white powdery substance or residue. Cut-off straws are used to snort the powder. Additionally they may discard in household trash small glass bottles with the labels scratched off.



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SPECIAL-K

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A MESSAGE FROM ATTORNEY GENERAL TOM CORBETT



While we as parents, teachers and members of the law enforcement community have been focusing our efforts into combating teen use of drugs such as cocaine and heroin, the so-called “Club Drugs” have crept into our children’s lives. The use of XTC, GHB, LSD and Special K has

risen to epidemic proportions within groups of young people from 13 to 22 years of age. The conception among both adults and teenagers that these drugs are “harmless” compared to drugs such as cocaine and heroin could not be further from the truth.

“Club Drugs,” can be easily obtained at all night underage dance parties, “Raves,” as well as at any mall in America, and are killing our children. Respiratory arrest, dehydration and brain hemorrhage are common side effects of these drugs.

A handwritten signature of Tom Corbett in black ink.

Tom Corbett
Attorney General

Ketamine Hydrochloride SPECIAL-K

Ketamine (Special K),
known by its chemical
name of Ketamine Hydrochloride,
is presently manufactured by
pharmaceutical companies
in the United States, Mexico
and Germany. It is legitimately
used as a tranquilizer/anesthetic
for animals and small children.



PACKAGING:

Special K is originally manufactured in a liquid form. It is then packaged in 10-millimeter vials and shipped to veterinary clinics and hospitals. Once stolen or purchased on the street, the liquid ketamine is converted into a white powder form.

This is accomplished by either placing the liquid on a plate over boiling water or microwaving the liquid. The liquid then converts into a white crystallized powder that is packaged into clear plastic bags or clear glass vials.

WHERE THE DRUG IS SOLD:

Young people purchase Special K from other teenagers at “Raves” and clubs, as well as malls and shopping centers. Special K is a popular drug on both high school and college campuses. The drug can also be purchased through the Internet, if you know the “right people.”

METHODS OF USE:

The majority of users will snort Special K as a powder. It can also be injected in its original liquid form. Users will ingest between 2 and 10 bags of Ketamine in a 24-hour period.

STREET PRICES AND NAMES:

Ketamine is also known as: **Special K, K, Kit Kat, Kitty Kat and Vitamin K.**

The original vials of liquid will cost between \$30 and \$150 on the black market. The powdered version of the drug is sold in \$20, \$40 and \$50 bags and vials.